

Senior The Village Voice

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FEATURE SPOTLIGHT: WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE TO TRIAD

Many of you may remember the SaddleBrooke TRIAD organization from a few years back. The purpose of TRIAD was "to work together to enhance the quality of life for senior residents of SaddleBrooke". In a sense, TRIAD was a forerunner of the Senior Village!

One of TRIAD's fundraising programs was the "Simply Delicious" cookbook compiled by Sonnie Davis in 2013. The SaddleBrooke Cookbook project was a great success, and hundreds of cookbooks were sold with the funds held in trust by HOA I.

Unfortunately, TRIAD is mostly inactive now, and although the funds were kept in safekeeping, they were not being used as intended. When a non-profit corporation discontinues operations, the remaining funds must be transferred to another qualified non-profit, but which non-profit had not yet been decided. That is until Esta Goldstein, one of our Senior Village volunteers, heard about these unused funds and thought wouldn't it make sense to have those funds go to an organization that has the same mission and purpose as TRIAD ... and what better place to receive those funds than SaddleBrooke's Senior Village program?

So Esta got to work and proactively presented her idea to Merna Oakley and Paulette Stark, President and Secretary of TRIAD. They totally agreed and, through their letters to Barbara McClure, Director of IMPACT, authorization was granted to transfer the remaining funds (over \$5,000) to our Senior Village program.

Wow, what great cooperation and team work from all involved, people coming together for a common cause and following the mission of "*neighbors helping neighbors*". And even better, there are still a number of cookbooks available to purchase at a 50% discount for only \$10. Just think, you'll not only enjoy fabulous meals, but you'll be donating (tax deductible) and helping your neighbors who may need a little Senior Village help now and then. Just call us at 520-314-1042; we'll even deliver the books!



NEWS AND VIEWS: A FAREWELL TRIBUTE TO THE SHEARS

A group of Senior Village volunteers came together to bid a fond farewell to a very special couple, Steve and Susan Shear and to also honor Barbra Fleming, widow of Senior Village co-founder Dick Fleming. The Shears were instrumental in helping start the SaddleBrooke Senior Village program and graciously gave of



their energy and expertise in so very many ways.

Steve provided legal counsel and advice and was an invaluable and effective fund raiser. Susan assisted with literature, publications, communications, and anything else that needed doing.

Both Steve and Susan also made major contributions to Senior Village, and in addition, they formed the Prime Time Players theater group which made a generous donation to the Senior Village last year.

All of us at Senior Village are so very appreciative of the work and generosity both Steve and Susan Shear gave, two special people who will be truly missed.

Front row: Susan Shear, Barbara Fleming, Steve Shear; Back row: Gary Hammond, Peggy Ogier, Nancy Springer, Stephanie Thomas, David Loendorf, Ron Bechky

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION



Since mid-October, 2016 the **MEMBERSHIP TEAM** has conducted individual interviews with 46 SaddleBrooke residents. This brings our end-of-year total to **320 members**...an amazing feat in ten months thanks to our twelve enthusiastic team volunteers who take turns visiting and enrolling each new member. The meeting and greeting process is an enjoyable experience for both volunteers and new members. Thank you, team; Welcome, new members!



In the past three months, the **HELPING HANDS TEAM** has performed 49 services for our members: installed a digital thermostat, window screens, doorbell, replaced a shower head, light bulbs, fixed a TV remote, flipped mattresses, moved patio furniture, programmed the garage door opener. Our **LOCK BOX TEAM** will install your Golder Ranch Fire Department lock box free of charge. One call does it all: 520-314-1042. We are here to serve; let us know how we can help.



BIRTHDAY LUNCHEs: Beginning last October, the **FRIENDLY CONTACT TEAM** now organizes a Dutch-treat lunch each month for members whose birthdays fall in that month. We will phone birthday honorees to invite them to share their celebration at the RoadRunner Grill. Our team goal for this year is to offer many opportunities for our members to get together: book club, fun coloring activities, movies in a home setting, bingo, Scrabble, puzzles. Remember: Senior Village will provide transportation.



With over 70 volunteers on the **GOING MY WAY TEAM**, they provided transportation services to 167 Village members since our last newsletter in October. This amounted to **5,103 miles!** Thanks to these dedicated drivers. They delight in meeting new members, getting them to and from appointments or errands.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IN JANUARY

By now, you will have received notices by email and/or postal delivery reminding you that **January 31st** is the deadline for paying your 2017 dues. Your membership must be current after this date to receive Village services. Don't delay; make sure you have renewed before an untimely event requires services. Annual membership is \$48 for singles and \$60 for couples. You may send your check to Senior Village at SaddleBrooke, P.O. Box 8584, Tucson, AZ 85738.

ASK THE VILLAGE...



QUESTION: QUESTION: I've heard about the Golder Ranch Fire District's EMS program and want to know how I can join?

ANSWER: Golder Ranch Fire District EMS Membership is a way to protect you and your loved ones from the unexpected cost of emergency ambulance transport. The current Arizona Department of Health Services regulated cost of an emergency ambulance transport in Golder Ranch Fire District is well over \$1,000.00. Medicare will cover *medically necessary* ambulance transport but, depending on what type of insurance you have, the cost may not be fully covered. When this occurs (or if you are uninsured), you will be responsible for the remainder of the fees from the ambulance transport.

Golder Ranch Fire District implemented an EMS Membership Program, approved by Arizona Department of Health Services that offers you protection from those fees. It will cover you and any other household members for ambulance transportation to the hospital for just \$75.00 per household per year. This means that Golder Ranch EMS Membership could more than pay for itself in one trip alone. The plan is available to all residents of Golder Ranch Fire District and the family members who live in the resident's household.

Golder Ranch EMS Membership will cover ambulance transport from anywhere within Golder Ranch Fire District and covers transport to the nearest appropriate hospital, not the hospital of choice. If an ambulance responds, but the patient is not transported, there will be no charge. Here is a link to sign up for the service: http://grmhs.org/?page_id=40/

Please send "Ask the Village" questions to Sandymorse@centurylink.net or call 520-314-1042

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And over 150 more dedicated volunteers!